

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (new): A communication device comprising:
an input device for inputting text character-by-character from a sequence of characters;
a memory device for storing a plurality of reference character sequences of characters; and
a prediction device for comparing individual ones of the input characters with the reference character sequences and for proposing at least one of the reference character sequences after the inputting of individual input characters of the sequence of characters to be input provides a corresponding comparison result, wherein the prediction device compares the input characters to characters that are not directly adjacent to the reference character sequences.

Claim 24 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the prediction device compares the input characters with the first and the last character of the reference character sequences.

Claim 25 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the prediction device compares a plurality of input characters with initial and end characters of a plurality of syllables of multi-syllable ones of the reference character sequences.

Claim 26 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, and wherein the prediction device distinguishes between touching and drawing movements during an input of characters.

Claim 27 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting and wherein the prediction device uses drawing movement between various characters of the text input area for marking characters or syllables of a single coherent character sequence.

Claim 28 (new): A communication device, comprising:
an input device for entering text character-by-character from a sequence of characters;
a memory device that stores a plurality of reference character sequences of characters; and
a prediction device that compares individual ones of the input characters with the reference character sequences and for proposing at least one of the reference character sequences after the inputting of individual input characters of the sequence of characters to be input provides a corresponding comparison result, wherein the input device enters a number of syllables with respect to two input characters of the sequence of characters to be input, and wherein the prediction device compares the number of input syllables with corresponding numbers of syllables of the reference character sequences.

Claim 29 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 25, wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters which can be input are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, wherein the text input area comprises at least one syllable input area.

Claim 30 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 29, wherein the syllable input area is formed by at least one edge and of the text input area.

Claim 31 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 29, wherein the syllable input area is formed by two mutually opposite edge areas of the text input area.

Claim 32 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, and wherein the prediction device distinguishes between touching and drawing movements during an input of characters.

Claim 33 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, and wherein the prediction device uses drawing movements between various characters of the text input area for making characters or syllables of a single coherent character sequence.

Claim 34 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the syllable input area extends over two opposite edge areas of the text input area and extends further along the laterally adjoining edge areas from the outside edge sections.

Claim 35 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the input device inputs a word completion character for identifying the end of a word.

Claim 36 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the reference character sequence is stored as a sentence or part of a sentence of a plurality of words and is provided for comparing and predicting a sentence or part of a sentence.

Claim 37 (new): A communication device, comprising:
an input device for inputting text character-by-character from a sequence of
characters;
a memory device that stores a plurality of reference character sequences of
characters; and
a prediction device that compares individual ones of the input characters
with the reference character sequences and for proposing at least one of the
reference character sequences after the inputting of individual input characters of
the sequence of characters to be input provides a corresponding comparison result,
wherein the input device is arranged for inputting vowels, and the prediction device
compares input vowels with a corresponding sequence of vowels in the reference
character sequences.

Claim 38 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 37,
wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are
displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, the
text input area comprising at least one vowel input area.

Claim 39 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 38,
wherein the vowel input area is formed by at least one edge area of the text input
area.

Claim 40 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 38,
wherein the vowel input area is formed by two mutually opposite edge areas of the
text input area.

Claim 41 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 38,
wherein the input device comprises an input key for inserting and removing the
vowel input area.

Claim 42 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 38, wherein entry in the vowel input area is effected when the first input character is a vowel or consonant and a subsequent drawing movement is detected.

Claim 43 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 42, wherein an entry in the vowel input area is overlaid over special characters in a covering manner.

Claim 44 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 37, wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, and wherein the prediction device distinguishes between touching and drawing movements during an input of characters.

Claim 45 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 37, wherein the input device is an interactive display device on which characters are displayed in a text input area and are touch-sensitively selectable for inputting, and wherein the prediction device uses drawing movements between various characters of the text input area for marking characters or syllables of a single coherent character sequence.

Claim 46 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 38, wherein the vowel input area extends over two opposite edge areas of the text input area and extends further along the laterally adjoining edge areas from the outside edge sections.

Claim 47 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 37, wherein the input device inputs a word completion character.

Claim 48 (new): The communication device as claimed in claim 37, wherein the reference character sequence is stored as a sentence or part of a

sentence of a plurality of words and is provided for comparing and predicting a sentence or part of a sentence.

Claim 49 (new): A method for inputting text from a sequence of characters into a communication device comprising:

inputting a sequence of characters character-by-character by means of an input device, wherein after at least two characters have been input, missing characters of the sequence of characters are predicted by means of a prediction device by comparing the characters to character sequences stored in a memory, and wherein during the prediction, the at least two input characters are processed as not-directly-adjacent characters of the sequence of characters.

Claim 50 (new): The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein during the comparison, the at least two input characters are processed as the first and the last character of a word or a syllable of the sequence of characters.

Claim 51 (new): The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein the number of syllables of the sequence of characters is additionally input and used during the comparison.

Claim 52 (new): The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein a display device with a touch-sensitive text input area is used for a character input, and is provide for inputting the number of syllables to an edge area of the text input area, being provided for inputting the number of syllables.

Claim 53 (new): The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein the prediction for input characters of the sequence characters is performed after the input of a completion character.